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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 53.9 degrees, 9.3 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, May 26. Precipitation averaged 0.41 inches, 0.52 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 35 points below normal.

Reporters rated 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, May 24. This is 2.3 days more than last year and 0.3 more than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	3.3	1.0	15.7
2001	1.0	2.3	32.2
1997-2001 Average	3.0	4.9	33.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	67	33
Last Week	0	0	24	76
Same Week Last Year	0	1	34	65
1997-2001 Average	2	10	57	31

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 26

Improved field conditions last week allowed Ohio Agricultural producers to make fairly good progress with Spring planting activities, but freezing temperatures that occurred during the first part of last week caused concern

among the Buckeye State’s row crop farmers, vegetable producers and fruit growers. Early reports indicate only limited damage, but growers will not know the full extent of the damage for some time. The State’s grape crop is the biggest concern at this time. As of Sunday evening, 45 percent of the intended **Corn** acreage had been planted with 20 percent having emerged. Planting is currently three weeks behind the five-year average pace and overall plant development continues to be hampered by below normal temperatures and wet field conditions. An additional 13 percent of the State’s **Soybean** acreage was planted last week bringing the overall total to 20 percent. Soybean planting is being delayed as producers try to get their corn crop planted. An additional 24 percent of the State’s intended **Potato** acreage was planted last week, bringing the overall total to 72 percent. This is 14 percentage points behind 2001, and 17 percentage points behind the State’s five-year average. Eighty-nine percent of the State’s **Oats** acreage has emerged with 8 percent headed. Planting was virtually complete by week’s end. Scattered rain showers continued to hamper hay making but an additional 10 percent of the **Alfalfa** acreage and 7 percent of all **other hay** was harvested this past week. Forty-six percent of the **processing tomatoes** have been set. Forty-one percent of the **Winter Wheat** acreage has headed, with 1 percent turning color.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Wheat conditions improved slightly from the previous week with 76 percent rated in fair-to-good condition. Isolated frost damage was reported in some locations. The majority of the State’s pastures and hay fields are rated in fair-to-good condition, but some hay fields are becoming over mature. Seventy-five percent of the State’s corn acreage is rated in fair-to-good condition, but warmer night time temperatures are needed. The majority of the Oat acreage is rated in fair-to-good condition as is the State’s strawberry acreage. Livestock continued to be rated in mostly good condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 26

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 st cutting	11	17	26	1	NA
Corn planted	45	100	95	22	70
Corn emerged	20	95	75	10	34
Oats planted	97	100	100	85	83
Oats emerged	89	100	97	77	56
Oats headed	8	7	9	6	NA
Other hay 1 st cutting	8	12	18	1	NA
Potatoes planted	72	86	89	48	NA
Processing tomatoes planted	46	50	56	13	NA
Soybeans planted	20	88	79	7	30
Soybeans emerged	7	74	48	3	6
Strawberries harvested	4	7	6	NA	NA
Sugarbeets planted	98	100	NA	95	90
Tobacco transplanted	2	0	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat headed	41	89	71	15	64
Winter wheat turning color	1	1	2	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 26

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	16	47	28	4
Previous Week	7	13	49	27	4
Previous Year	1	4	21	56	18
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	8	27	54	10
Previous Week	2	6	28	53	11
Previous Year	3	7	26	54	10
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	16	65	17
Previous Week	0	3	17	64	16
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	10	34	50	5
Previous Week	1	11	41	42	5
Previous Year	1	4	20	60	15
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	24	57	14
Previous Week	1	5	27	53	14
Previous Year	1	4	22	57	16
STRAWBERRIES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	5	33	48	10
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	6	31	56	6
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	25	51	14
Previous Week	3	8	27	48	14
Previous Year	1	4	20	54	21

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 26

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	53.6	-8.9	0.55	-0.45	8.55	2.32	60	-36	413	-52
North Central	53.3	-8.8	0.48	-0.51	8.58	2.29	58	-33	414	-30
Northeast	51.4	-9.3	0.59	-0.27	8.38	1.97	55	-31	404	-25
West Central	54.6	-8.9	0.53	-0.45	10.39	3.42	63	-37	473	-32
Central	54.3	-9.4	0.33	-0.54	8.44	1.62	66	-37	497	-30
Central Hills	52.7	-9.3	0.35	-0.61	8.64	1.85	59	-34	437	-34
Northeast Hills	52.1	-10.1	0.33	-0.60	8.15	1.54	59	-36	442	-46
Southwest	55.7	-9.1	0.58	-0.42	12.18	4.24	71	-38	547	-14
South Central	55.5	-9.4	0.15	-0.67	9.80	2.97	75	-35	590	-12
Southeast	54.1	-9.5	0.20	-0.66	8.98	2.21	69	-33	531	-16
STATE	53.9	-9.3	0.41	-0.52	9.26	2.48	64	-35	480	-28

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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